

# Agricultural Exports

USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) publishes estimates of U.S. agricultural export contributions by states on a fiscal year basis (October 1-September 30). These estimates are prepared by major commodity groups and usually are based on the assumption that, for each commodity, a state contributes the same export share as its share of production. However, where obvious distortions exist, this procedure is amended. To keep data manageable, ERS limits exports only to states that collectively account for 90 percent of a given commodity's output. They also assume that a state would export only if it had an apparent surplus. They further assume that, although this method could eliminate some exporting states, it is more likely that large exporters would be sufficiently credited. Thus, for Tennessee, ERS no longer publishes estimates for nuts, rice, peanuts, or sunflowers, and no allowance is made for them in the "other" category.

## Agricultural Exports: Tennessee and United States, 2003-2004

Commodity	Tennessee		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Million Dollars				
Soybeans & Products	104.2	173.2	8,269.8	9,034.7
Tobacco, Unmanufactured	78.5	73.5	1,001.2	1,049.5
Cotton & Linters	135.4	219.3	2,853.7	4,536.5
Cottonseed & Products	4.8	5.1	102.7	108.2
Wheat & Products	81.8	82.9	5,312.4	6,621.5
Feed Grains & Products	46.4	64.0	6,684.3	8,104.4
Live Animals & Meat, Excluding Poultry	40.3	41.4	6,475.6	4,420.3
Fats, Oils, & Greases	0.7	1.2	539.4	574.2
Poultry & Products	30.2	39.7	2,103.7	2,512.6
Hides & Skins	0.8	0.9	1,785.4	1,766.8
Vegetables & Preparations	8.0	8.8	4,669.3	5,187.6
Dairy Products	7.3	8.9	1,030.2	1,321.2
Fruits & Preparations <sup>1</sup>	0.3	0.3	3,549.5	3,807.8
Feeds & Fodders	31.7	32.5	1,998.6	2,027.8
Seeds	7.8	15.7	802.9	1,005.1
Other <sup>2</sup>	83.5	93.7	9,030.4	10,218.9
All Commodities <sup>3</sup>	661.8	861.0	56,208.9	62,297.3

<sup>1</sup> Apples, apple juice and apple products, as well as other miscellaneous fruits assumed to equal the previous year; current year production data has not yet been released. <sup>2</sup> Includes sugar and tropical products, minor oilseeds, essential oils, beverages other than juice, nursery and greenhouse, wine and miscellaneous vegetable products.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: *Foreign Agricultural Trade of the U.S.*, ERS, USDA, July 2005.